

STATEMENT OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) a A container for transportation and/or storage of items, the container comprising:

an enclosure ~~and~~;

a securing arrangement comprising an upright restraint configured to be advanced and retracted across the width of the container for holding the items in an upright orientation; ~~and/or~~;

~~access provided through an uppermost portion and end portion of the container~~
provided with an access into the container; ~~and~~

an access arrangement comprising a movable side panel proximate an end of the container; ~~and/or~~; and

a plurality of spaced slide elements extending in the direction of the width of the container, in the region of the bottom of the container.
2. (currently amended) a A container according to claim 1, wherein the container is of frame construction.
3. (currently amended) a A container according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the container has one or more openable or open ends.
4. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the container has ~~having~~ a closed end panel.

5. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the container has an openable or open top.
6. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the side panel proximate the access permitting end of the container is movable to open the end side portion of the container.
7. (currently amended) a A container according to claim 6, wherein the side panel is movable by being pivotable.
8. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein side panels on opposed sides of the container are movable to open respective end side portions of the container.
9. (currently amended) a A container according to claim 8, wherein the movable side panels on opposed sides of the container are positioned proximate opposed ends of the container.
10. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein a lower portion of the container includes frame openings for receiving tines of lifting apparatus.
11. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the upper and lower portions of the container are provided with stacking formations enabling stacking of containers one on top of another.
12. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the upright restraint of the securing arrangement extends in an upright orientation for the major extent of the height of the container.

13. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the securing arrangement includes support means mounting the upright restraint, and facilitating ease of movement of the upright restraint in the width direction of the container.
14. (currently amended) a A container according to claim 13, wherein the upright restraint is at least one of (i) supported to be movable on a rotatable support arrangement, ~~such as wheels, rollers or the like, and/or~~ and (ii) constrained to move along a track ~~or the like~~.
15. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein a lock arrangement is provided for locking the upright restraint at a selected position across the width of the container.
16. (currently amended) a A container according to claim 15, wherein the lock arrangement includes a series of spaced lock position locators for locking the upright restraint at one or more of a defined series of positions across the width of the container.
17. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the upright restraint carries at least one contact member for contacting the adjacent item in the container.
18. (currently amended) a A container according to claim 17, including an adjustment arrangement for urging the contact member into securing engagement with the adjacent item in the container.
19. (currently amended) a A container according to claim 17 ~~or claim 18~~, wherein the contact member is angularly reorientatable/~~adjustable~~ adjustable relative to the upright restraint.

20. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any of claims 17 to 19~~ claim 17, wherein the contact member comprises a flexible or resilient contact layer for contacting ~~the~~ an adjacent item in the container.
21. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any of claims 17 to 20~~ claim 17, wherein a contact member arrangement includes upper and lower contact members carried by the upright restraint.
22. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 17, wherein a at least one contact member ~~or members~~ is mounted to the container spaced from and facing the upright restraint.
23. (currently amended) a A container according to claim 22, wherein the at least one contact ~~members~~ member carried by the container ~~are~~ is angularly adjustable with respect to the container.
24. (currently amended) a A container according to any of claims 17 ~~to 23~~, wherein one or more contact members are at least one of height adjustable/reorientatable height adjustable and reorientatable with respect to the container.
25. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein slide elements are provided at opposed sides of the upright restraint.
26. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein a slide element is provided across the end portion provided with the access permitting end of the container.
27. (currently amended) a A container according to claim 25 ~~or claim 26~~, wherein the slide element includes a ~~hard and/or~~ friction reduced surface layer promoting sliding of the items during loading or unloading.

28. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the container includes a securing element arranged to lie in engagement with the underside of the items in the container.
29. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, in combination with ~~for transportation and/or storage of~~ a plurality of sheet items in upright orientation contained therein for transportation or storage thereof.
30. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 29, wherein the sheet items are ~~transportation and/or storage of a plurality of~~ glass sheets in upright orientation.
31. (currently amended) a A container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 30, wherein the glass sheets include ~~containing~~ a number of differently configured vehicle windscreens.
32. (currently amended) ~~in combination,~~ a A container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 containing a number of sheet items in upright orientation, ~~the container being mounted atop a further~~ in combination with a second container including side doors permitting accessing ~~of to~~ the interior of the ~~further~~ second container.
33. (new) A container for transportation and/or storage of items, the container comprising an enclosure and;
- a securing arrangement comprising an upright restraint configured to be advanced and retracted across the width of the container for holding the items in an upright orientation; and/or,
- access provided through an uppermost portion and end portion of the container, and an access arrangement comprising a movable side panel proximate an end of the container; and/or;

a plurality of spaced slide elements extending in the direction of the width of the container, in the region of the bottom of the container.